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## City Council's Fourth Budget Worksession Is a Hodgepodge

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council's fourth worksession on the proposed city budget for Fiscal Year 2012 covered "Miscellaneous & Other Funds and Capital Projects." Usually this budget includes everything in the back of the budget document not included in accounts for the city's larger departments.

Miscellaneous accounts include Grants & Contributions, the Greenbelt Museum, Non-Departmental Funds and Fund Transfers to the city's Reserve and Replacement Funds.

The worksession, on Wednesday, April 13, also reviewed the Fire and Rescue Service Account because representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) had not been able to be present when the Public Safety budget was earlier reviewed. All members of council, the city manager, assistant city manager and city treasurer were present.

Representing the GVFD&RS were President Kenneth Stair

and Kelly Lawson, communication officer for the GVFD&RS. Lawson walked council through a presentation with visual highlights of the past year's activities, including their outreach efforts in the community, training, calls for service. Included were several pictures of residential fires in Greenbelt on Ridge and Greenhill Roads and on Parkway.

Stair also reviewed a letter of April 1 to the assistant city manager highlighting the GVFD&RS financial accounting for 2010.

Stair described the past year as a "rather expensive one," including major renovation of the fire house kitchen facilities. Insurance costs and station maintenance had also increased.

### Revenue Sources

Sources of revenue included sponsored bingo at the Riverdale Park Elks Lodge (\$40,000); the Annual Fund Drive, about \$35,000; other fund raisers and hall rentals totaling \$10,000; and a contribution from the Prince George's County Station Management Fund, which now amounts

to \$20,000.

The important kitchen renovation had been started several years ago and has been supported by state 508 grants. As the project has evolved, the total cost estimated is just over \$245,000. Once completed, Stair says, the department expects it will become a potential source of income in handling more social functions.

Another source of income is the department's share of revenue from the billing of users' insurance companies for provided ambulance service. At the end of 2010 the department's account totaled \$109,000.

The caveat is that those funds are allowed only for expenses related to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) expenses. Stair said they are requesting that the county executive expand allowable uses to include the replacement of EMS vehicles and station maintenance.

Of most importance to the department was the city's continuing

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## Pilot-Turned-Homeschool-Mentor Murray Teaches Wilderness Skills

by Cindy Henneberger

sans cuts or jesting.

Perhaps their mentor's trust is some pretty powerful stuff.

### Nature's Lesson Plans

The homeschoolers' 37-year old teacher, with sun gilded hair, often had a strand or two breaking out into freedom from his ponytail as he led his flock through their outdoor adventures where nature scheduled the lessons.

On the lookout for opportunities, Joey used downed trees, animal tracks and the cornucopia of each new day for platforms to teach sensory awareness, knowledge about ecosystems, survival skills and tracking and wild food gathering, among other woodland essentials.

Bill Kaczor, CEO of Ancestral Knowledge, said he gets numerous calls from parents who say, "I want to see the schedule." Although Ancestral Knowledge has a list of core items it aims to incorporate into lessons, it prefers to follow nature's timetable. Instructors look for ways to teach principles through a



**Joey Murray**, top left, is pictured with his students Kadia, Aaku, Christopher, Emerson, Giris, Zury, Isabel and Nico hidden in the middle too small to be seen.

"random sequence of events that happen in traveling with no time or destination through the forest," Kaczor said.

"What bird was that?" Joey asked. "Did it sound like a

See **MURRAY**, page 8

## Brian Weeks, Math Teacher, Wins Agnes Meyer Award

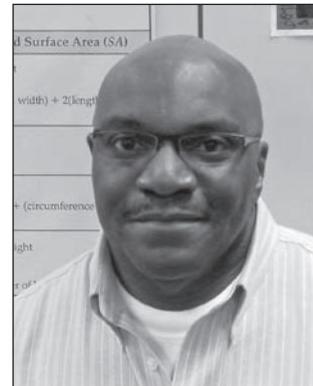
by Matthieu Drotar

A sixth grade mathematics teacher from Greenbelt Elementary School was awarded the annual Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award earlier this month.

Brian Weeks, 47, of Laurel was named this year's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award recipient for Prince George's County.

Weeks is among 21 winners of the award, which is presented to one teacher from each Washington metropolitan area school district.

Nominated by colleagues, parents, former students and other



members of their community, winners were chosen by their own school systems based on criteria including leadership and ability to inspire and encourage students.

In his nomination letters, co-workers, students and family members alike expressed a strong and sincere belief that Weeks deserved this recognition as an outstanding teacher.

"It is very hard to ever forget a teacher of Mr. Weeks' caliber," wrote 11th-grader Erin M. Weeks, daughter and former student of

See **WEEKS**, page 6

## Six ACE Educators Win Plaudits for Their Work

by Jim Link

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) celebrated the achievements of six educators at the 2011 ACE Educators Awards Ceremony at the city council meeting on Monday, April 11. The city council, local dignitaries and ACE members presented the recipients from six Greenbelt schools with certificates, T-shirts and most vividly, with a gold-red apple, "the apple being, of course, the well-recognized symbol of education," according to Jon Gardner, the ACE chair. "It's a special evening" declared Mayor Judith Davis, "You can tell because we have a full house."

Each recipient had a few inspiring/touching/grateful words to say to their admiring family and friends.

"My job," said Elizabeth Stewart-Hancock, a fourth grade

teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), "is the best job I could ask for. I love the [GES] community." Earlier in the evening the GES PTA treated Stewart-Hancock to dinner at the Beijing Restaurant in Roosevelt Center.

Ramon Russell, a special educator and paraprofessional at Springhill Lake Elementary School, who organized many beautification projects on the campus, said, "I grew up in Greenbelt; it warms my heart to receive this award. I'd like to thank my Springhill Lake family and my mom and dad. Thank you for raising me – I think you did a pretty good job."

Robert Crowley, a first grade teacher, technology coordinator and webmaster at Magnolia

See **ACE AWARDS**, page 12

### What Goes On

**Saturday, April 23**

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Municipal Building Parking Lot  
10 a.m. sharp, Egg Hunt for ages 18 months to 6th grade, Buddy Attick Park

**Tuesday, April 26**

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Bldg.  
7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center

**8 p.m.**, Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing on FY2012 Budget, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

**Thursday, April 28**

8 a.m., Worksession, First Quarterly Meeting/Bus Service Changes, Community Center

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

**Saturday, April 30**

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

9 a.m. to noon, Shred It Day, Roosevelt Center Parking Lot

# Letters

## Meter Misread

Last month I received a . . . disturbing bill from Pepco . . . The monthly payment was for \$204.26, reflecting my apparent use of 1,500 kilowatt hours (KWHs) . . . The two preceding bills for colder months were about half that. I'm a very conservative user of electricity and I'd never before even exceeded 1,000 KWHs . . .

Pepco sent a specialist to my home to investigate my problem . . . He came to the tentative conclusion that I had somehow unwittingly used [baseboard] heaters much more than I thought . . . His own current readings of the meter reflected numbers in the 00—range . . . consistent with the bill's final 9997 KWH reading . . . I had difficulty buying into his explanation, but . . . paid the . . . bill.

I called the Maryland Public Service Commission and they [sent] me information and complaint forms. . . . I went to the GHI office to . . . seek advice . . . A GHI electrician named Desmond came to my home, . . . immediately made a beeline to my meter . . . and unequivocally asserted that my current meter reading was 9926 . . .

How could I reconcile these conflicting readings? . . . The material from the State Commission . . . included a page from the BGE utility on "How to Read your Meter." I . . . went to my meter and read it according to BGE's dictates. Sure enough, I read 9926. Desmond was right and the two Pepco representatives were wrong. . . .

I called the Pepco specialist, told him of my findings and he readily agreed that my explanation was probably correct . . . I didn't have to pay anything this month and still have a remaining credit of \$72.08 . . . All's well that ends well.

*Philip Brandis*

**Editor's Note:** An error in a meter reading will eventually be automatically corrected by future readings. To learn how to read an older meter with dials, as Mr. Brandis has, go to <http://www.pepco.com/home/billing/understand/meter/default.aspx>.

## Greenbelters Sweep Doubleheader Opener

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League beat Bowie Bronze in a doubleheader on Monday, April 18, 9-5 and 14-7, to start their season as last year – when they went on to take the division championship. In the first game, at Bowie, pitcher Barry Clark led the way with four hits in four at-bats. Jasper Pendergrass' two-run homer in the 1st inning opened the scoring; Willie White's tape-measure two-run smash in the 6th inning cleared the left-field fence by 15-20 feet and sealed the win.

In the second game, Robert Colbert doubled with the bases loaded in the 6th inning and scored on a single by Melvin Royster for an 8-2 lead Greenbelt never relinquished. Barry Clark and Clarence Collins each tripled in multi-hit efforts. Pitcher Clyde Moody fielded his position deftly and Willie White made a spectacular catch behind the plate after hitting into the metal backstop. Long-time veterans Lefty Smith, Bert Kerr and John Benish weighed in with hits. George Harrison, in his debut as manager, moved team-mates around actively and showed his speed as a pinch-runner several times.

## ASG Meeting Is At Owens Center

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium at the H.B. Owens Science Center in Lanham.

A free planetarium program will be presented by NASA employee and Owens Science Center volunteer Craig Levin on "Herschel and Uranus: Beyond the Boundaries."

Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road.

## Eleanor Science Café Honors 35 Years

On Tuesday, April 26 the Eleanor Science Café will have a special program to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

From 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be a lecture for students on music, music theory and the physics of music by Dr. Keith Wright and Nils Straatveit. Wright is head of the music department at the College of Southern Maryland and an accomplished flutist; Straatveit is an engineer, diver and digital signal specialist. A social with free refreshments and live music will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The Science Café lecture and social will be in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

At 6:30 p.m. a movie, *Race to Nowhere*, about stress and students, will be shown in the auditorium. This movie is produced by Vicki Abeles, spouse of one of the original 1978 graduating class members. A discussion including parents, students and the movie team will follow from 8 to 9 p.m. More information about the movie is available at [www.racetonowhere.com](http://www.racetonowhere.com).

There is a fee for the movie, reduced for students.

For more information call 301-552-5405.

## New Starting Time For TheBus #11

TheBus Route 11 now begins service at 5:18 a.m., departing from the Greenbelt Metrorail Station. Previously the first trip left the Metro at 6 a.m.

## Grin Belt



"Quick son, pose beside the Easter Bunny so I can send a photo to Grandma."

## On Screen

### Going to the Mat

Wrestling – as in the sport, plus grappling with life – is at the heart of "Win Win," the new film that opens Friday at Old Greenbelt Theatre. The versatile Paul Giamatti, who has played roles from a shlump to founding father John Adams, comes on as a down-on-his-luck lawyer, pater familias and co-coach of a New Jersey high school wrestling team. When a client's teenage grandson drops into his life, things begin to happen in a hurry. Along for the ride is the lawyer's wife, played by Amy Ryan, their two young children and battened-down buddies.

Rated R for profanity. Running time 106 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF APR 22

**Win Win**  
(R)  
Friday - Saturday  
\*2:45, \*5, 7:30, 9:40  
Sunday - Monday  
\*2:45, \*5, 7:30  
Tuesday - Thursday  
\*5, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.50

**Tuesday is Bargain Day.**  
**All Seats Only \$6.50.**

Now accepting Visa, Discover and MasterCard for ticket sales only.  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
[www.pandgtheatres.com](http://www.pandgtheatres.com)

## Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series

presents a free outdoor concert featuring Robert Goddard Middle School!

## Robert Goddard Jazz Band

## Robert Goddard Electric Strings

Sat., April 30, 4 - 6 pm

Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt

Sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)

Supported by the Prince George's Arts Council

# Community Events

## Co-op Food Demo, Wine Tasting Wed.

On Wednesday, April 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Co-op will hold its monthly food demo and wine tasting. Ellen Seigel and Kim Rush Lynch will prepare and offer samples of steamed artichokes with garlic aioli, while wine consultant John Mealey will organize a tasting of rosé wines.

Wednesday is also patron appreciation day, with five percent savings on purchases all day.

## At the Library

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Thursday, April 28, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months; limit 15 children.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

### Teen Designers

The library system is calling all teens to enter their contest to design a cover for the library's Current News and Events magazine, which will be used as the cover for the Fall 2011 issue. Those eligible are teens ages 13 to 17, with parental approval. There is a limit of one entry per person.

Submissions must be original artwork no larger than 8-1/2" by 8-1/4" in high resolution (300dpi and up) JPEG or PDF format. All submissions must be emailed to [publicrelations@pgcmls.info](mailto:publicrelations@pgcmls.info) by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 16. The email should include the teen's full name, age, school, telephone number, address, parent's approval to participate and their artwork as an attachment. Judges will select first and second place winners and may disqualify artwork that is inappropriate or not original.

More Community Events  
see pages 2, 4, 5, 8, 15 and 16

On April 23, 2011 please come join the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at their Bake Sale from 9am to 1pm

Located at the Greenbelt Co-op  
121 Centerway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770



**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM**

**GDC Key Agenda Items:**

- First Quarter Financial Reports
- Guest House Use by Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Celebration

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Planet Aid Recycling Bins – Request for Bin Space
- Recommendation for Rules Change for Smoke Detectors in GHI Homes
- 2011 Concrete Sidewalk Contract, 2nd Reading
- Approval of BB&T as GHI Lender

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

## ACE Science Clubs Meet Next Week

The next Greenbelt Children's ACE Science Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center. Another meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Free to all Greenbelt children ages 8 to 14, the ACE Science Club features hands-on experiments and fun facts about science, technology, engineering, math, nature, life and the universe. This month's topic is Newton's Laws with a focus on Newton's three laws related to the concepts of flight, planes and rockets.

The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Greenbriar and the fourth Thursday at the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information call Wendy Wexler at Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660.

## City Egg Hunt Is Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Greenbelt Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. sharp at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road for children through 6th grade. Bring a basket and help the Bunny find all the hidden eggs and prizes. The event includes the Easter Bunny and entertainment. Be prompt, as the eggs go fast.

For more information call 301-397-2200.

## Tyler Perry Film Fest April 15-24

Academy Stadium at Beltway Plaza will host a Tyler Perry Film Festival from Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 24.

Showtimes for individual films are available online at [222.academy8theaters.com](http://222.academy8theaters.com), by calling 301-220-1155 or checking the movie theater ad at right.

More Community Events  
see pages 2, 4, 5, 8, 15 and 16

## Electronics Recycling Day Is on April 30

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old or unwanted computers and other electronic items on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. A listing of accepted items can be found in the City Information ad on page 5. Styrofoam #6 is also now accepted. Call Greenbelt Public Works at 301-474-8004 for details.

## Next City Blood Drive Is April 29

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, April 29 from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Those who have not already made an appointment are asked to call 1-800-GIVELIFE (448-3543).

## Café Cajun Jam On Wednesday

On Wednesday, April 27 there will be a free Cajun Jam at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners are welcome.

For more information visit the website at <http://www.newdeal-cafe.com/>.

## Greenbriar Phase III Meets, Elects Board

Greenbriar Phase III had its reconvened annual meeting on April 12 and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President Thelma Loret de Mola, Vice President Angeline Butler, Secretary Anne Weldon, Treasurer Odella King and Director Frances Kemper.

Board meetings are held at the community building monthly for each Greenbriar association. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. Greenbriar Phase I & II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. and Greenbriar Community Association Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

All You Can Eat

April 30

Mowatt Methodist

Church

40 Ridge Road

5 – 7 p.m.

Pies for Sale

R = ID Required

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) = No pass weekend

## Week of APRIL 22

### FRI. – SAT.

Hop, PG

11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid:  
"Rodrick Rules", PG  
11:45, 2:10, 4:35

Insidious, PG-13

7:20, 10

Rio in 3D, PG-13 (!!)

No fees at our location

11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20  
Madea's Big Happy Family, PG (!)  
11:20, 12:10, 2, 2:45, 4:45, 5:30,

7:20, 8, 10, 10:40

Scream 4, R (!!)

11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

Water for Elephants, PG-13

11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

Hanna, R

11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

### SUN.

Hop, PG

11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8

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### MON. – THU.

Hop, PG

12:25, 2:50, 5:25, 7:30

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:  
"Rodrick Rules", PG

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Insidious, PG-13

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Rio in 3D, PG-13

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Scream 4, R

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Water for Elephants, PG-13

12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:05

Hanna, R

12:30, 3, 5:40, 8:10

## Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

## Spring Gutter Cleaning (All Buildings)

### Attention GHI Members

Greenbelt Builders Inc. is scheduled to clean and inspect your gutters starting May 16, 2011 weather permitting.

At that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext.141 if you have any questions or comments.



## OPENING APRIL 29 AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER!



## THE BURIAL AT THEBES

April 29 - May 21

Friday & Saturday at 8:00

Sunday, May 8 and 15 at 2:30

Sign-interpreted performance for the hearing impaired May 7th.

\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770

email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org)

or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

Coming Soon:  
And Then There Were None – May 26 - 29  
Vandergrift! - June 3-12

123 Centerway • Green

**John Stringfellow**

Former Greenbelter John Stringfellow, son of Frank and Therese Madden Stringfellow, died on April 18, 2011.

Friends may visit the family at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Thursday, April 21 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 22 at 9 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.



Condolences to Frank and Therese Madden Stringfellow on the tragic death of their son John, 38, on April 18, 2011. He was a former Maryland state trooper and the grandson of Greenbelt pioneers Anthony and Catherine Madden.

**Congratulations to:**

- All the ACE Award winners, Elizabeth Stewart-Hancock (GES), Ramon Russell (SHL), Pamela Coffield (Turning Point), Alemnesh Allen (GMS), Robert Crowley (Magnolia) and Francine Powell (ERHS) who serve Greenbelt's school and students with such distinction.

- And special congratulations for ACE Award recipient Ramon Russell, who appears to be the first person in the 16 years of ACE Educator Awards to have attended Greenbelt schools through high school, returned after college to teach in his home town and then receive the award.

- Amy Hansen, whose book "Bugs and Bugsicles: Insects in the Winter," is on the John Burroughs 2011 list of outstanding nature books for young readers. The John Burroughs Association and the American Museum of Natural History presented the 2011 list of six books at a luncheon on April 4 in New York City.

- ERHS senior Peace Gwam, who received first place in American History and second in Speech/Oratorical in the April 9 Scholastic Olympics at Watkins Regional Park.

- Jacob Tuthill, Stephen Cox, Danny Parisi and Andrew Eck of the "Voices of DeMatha" men's chorus, who recently won a gold medal at the Heritage Music Festival in Atlanta. DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville has one of the top music programs in the country. Voices of DeMatha has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall next year.

Gudrun Mills would like to hear from her Greenbelt friends. Cards may be sent to her temporary address: Sunrise, Room 110, 41 West McKinsey Road, Severna Park, MD 21146; phone, 410-421-5608.

Best wishes to Rick Ransom as he recovers at home from surgery.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

**Spring Concert Held May 1 at UM Chapel**

On Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. a spring concert will be performed at the University of Maryland Chapel for the United Campus Ministry. It will feature the Maryland Palestrina Choir (founded by Greenbelter Janet Hagelgans), Femmes de Chanson, Mannermusik and soprano Caitlin Gompf with pianist David Ballena.

Musical selections by the student-led vocal chamber ensembles will include works by Monteverdi, Byrd, Palestrina, Grief, Walker, Arlen and Lennon. A reception will follow in the chapel lobby. A free will offering will be taken for S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat).



**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
**Pastoral Associate:** Rev. R. Scott Hurd

**HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Route One and Powder Mill Road, Beltsville  
301-937-4292 • www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org

Good Friday Service at 7:30 pm, Stations of the Cross at noon.

Sunrise Service, St. John's Cemetery, 6 am

8 am Eucharist for Adults.

10 am Family Eucharist, nursery care available.

Light Brunch following all Easter services.

Egg Hunt for younger children after the 10 am service.

**St. George's Episcopal Church**

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

**Services****Sundays**

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

**10 a.m. main service**

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

**Wednesdays****7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)**

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)

301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



**O Ye Rich Ones On Earth!**  
The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust, and be not intent only on your own ease.  
(Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE  
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com  
301-345-2918  
www.bahai.us



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

You are cordially invited to attend Holy Week Services at  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Greenbelt**



6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
Good Friday – April 22nd  
Services at 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday - April 24th**  
9:30 a.m. Festive Service of Holy Communion  
(Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt follow service)

**Easter Sunrise Service Planned**

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 24 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. The rain location will be the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Road. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

**American Legion Post Honors Its Deceased**

On Sunday, May 1 at 5 p.m. Greenbelt's American Legion Post #136 will hold its annual Post Everlasting ceremony to honor deceased members.

The ceremony will symbolically transfer the Post members who have died in the past year to a post of the highest stature to honor the memory of those who offered their lives in service to their country.

The community is invited to attend the ceremony.

**Hope Fellowship**  
... living life together

Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor

Please come this Sunday  
WORSHIP AT 11:00

Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



**April 24, 10 a.m.**

"Arise, Hope!" Easter Service with Flower Communion by Rev. Diane Teichert and Interim Director of Religious Exploration, the Choir and the Chalice Dancers.  
Bring flowers from garden or roadside.

**Greenbelt Community Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbeltucc.org  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



**Worship Service 10:00am**

Join us to sing-along The Palms  
on Sunday, April 17 at 10 a.m.



**Greenbelt Baptist Church**

101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study**

**ALL are Welcome!**

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

**Berwyn Presbyterian Church**

301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
berwynpresbyterian.net

Sunday School : 9:30 am  
Worship : 11:00 am  
Child Care Available  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"

**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223  
An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*

## Free Legal Help Offered for Seniors

Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is Senior Law Day. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program has partnered with the Prince George's County Area Agency on Aging and the Prince George's County Bar Association to provide free legal assistance in the preparation of living wills, advanced directives and powers of attorney documents. Lawyers will volunteer time to meet with seniors 60+ to prepare documents and answer questions.

Appointments will be required. Call Stephanie Shoul at 301-474-8000, ext. 3002 to schedule an appointment. All services will be provided at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Room 202.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.



All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for April 25-29:

Monday – Grape juice, oven-roasted chicken breast with pineapple chutney, cornbread dressing, green beans, field-green salad, cherry pie and vanilla ice cream (premium meal).

Tuesday – Chicken noodle soup, beef stew, diced summer squash, wild rice, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Cranapple juice, turkey divan, green peas, mashed potatoes, fresh banana.

Thursday – Vegetable soup, barbecued pork on a bun, creamy cole slaw, penne pasta with vegetable sauce, brownie.

Friday – Cranberry juice, barbecued chicken, red beans and rice, chopped collards, sliced peaches and pears.

## Youth Music Series Begins on April 30

On Saturday afternoon, April 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. music students from Robert Goddard Middle School will perform in Roosevelt Center in a free outdoor concert as part of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series for this spring. This is the third year the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and Robert Goddard Electric Strings have played for the public in this program produced by the New Deal Café.

The Robert Goddard Jazz Band is a traditional big band consisting of a horn and rhythm section. The band studies jazz style, performance practices and improvisation through the performance of standard jazz tunes. The Electric Strings Ensemble melds classical and contemporary music and combines standard instruments with electronic processing and amplification to create a unique sound. Students must audition to play with these music groups.

This series of concerts is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and is supported this spring by a grant from the Prince George's Arts Council and by the City of Greenbelt.



# City Information

### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**April 26, 2011 - 8:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building**

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### Presentations

- Public Works Week Proclamation
- Healthier Maryland Day
- People in Parks

##### Public Hearing on the FY 2012 Budget

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

##### Minutes of Council Meetings

##### Administrative Reports

##### Council Reports

##### Committee Reports

- Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2011-1 (Baltimore Washington Partnership for Forest Stewardship)

#### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Annual Landscape and Mowing Services from Inside Out Services of Silver Spring, Maryland, at a Cost of \$34,260
- 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Negotiate Purchase of Fleet Management Software from by Arsenault Associates of Burlington, New Jersey, at a Cost not to Exceed \$17,000
- 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Negotiate Purchase of Banking Services from The Columbia Bank of Columbia, Maryland
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Park Crescent Signage
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Proposal
- Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- Other Reports
- Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT)
- Board of Trustees Ballot
- Appointments to Advisory Groups

#### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

**Congratulations to Petey and Starr on their adoptions! Much happiness to them in their new homes.**

#### COME OUT AND VISIT:



Kiefer is a distinguished gentleman that was unfortunately surrendered to the shelter by his owner. He enjoys a relaxed atmosphere.

Elliot is a super friendly young Siamese cat that would make a great addition to your home.

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124

Donations welcome any time!



Make sure to visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook.

### CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENING

**INSPECTOR I (Community Development)** – Salary: \$39,291 with excellent benefits Position is assigned to the Department of Planning and Community Development and is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the city's housing and property maintenance code, construction code, sediment control regulations and other related codes/regulations. Minimum requirements: AA Degree in engineering, architecture, public administration, planning, housing, or related field; experience in building, housing or civil construction inspection; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Valid Maryland driver's license required. Ability to obtain International Code Council (ICC) certification and state sediment control inspection certification within one year. The City provides a generous fringe benefit package including medical, dental, life and retirement plans. To view the job class specification, summary of benefits and to apply, log onto [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/Human\\_Resources](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/Human_Resources). A City of Greenbelt application is required. EOE ADA

### MEETINGS FOR APRIL 25-29

Tuesday, April 26 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2012 BUDGET**, at the Municipal Building on 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, at the Municipal Building on 25 Crescent Road

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES) at the Community Center.

Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING**, at Municipal Center in New Carrollton

Thursday, April 28, **WORK SESSION: FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING/BUS SERVICE CHANGES**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov).*

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Board

For information call 301-474-8000.

**CITY OF GREENBELT, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION**  
Recreation Business Office: 301.397.2200

## EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 23rd**

**10:00am SHARP!**

### Buddy Attack Park

555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

### For Ages 18 months to 6th Grade

Bring your basket and help Mr. Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden.

For more information, please call the Recreation Business Office at 301.397.2200.



Please call the Weather Hotline, 301-474-0646, the morning of the hunt for updated event status.

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30~9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Public Works Yard-555 Crescent Road**

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end,

New! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**  
**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.**

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.

#### ALSO...

### SHRED IT DAY

**Same date and time. Roosevelt Center Parking Lot.**  
**Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.**

### DONATION DROP-OFF

**American Rescue Workers**

**Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.**  
**Parking lot between City Office and Community Center**  
**Info: 301-474-8308**

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contribution to an agency fund toward purchase of new fire and rescue equipment. For FY12 the proposed city budget allocates a \$60,000 payment to this fund. This equals last year's allocation but is lower than the \$88,000 allocated in Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. The manager's proposed budget contemplates grants of \$10,000 each to the Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills Fire Departments, because both companies cover fire service calls in parts of Greenbelt.

### New Generators

In addition, the GVFD&RS requests city assistance and support for a proposed upgrade for the 50-year-old emergency generator serving the firehouse. Specifically, Stair asked council for their assistance in partnering with Prince George's County for a new, larger generator of 50 kilowatts to serve most of the fire house. It could thus serve as an emergency shelter in future weather or other disaster emergencies affecting Greenbelt. The city manager is currently discussing parameters with county representatives.

For Grants & Contributions the manager's proposed FY12 budget includes one grant of \$1,000 to Washington Ear and a contribution of \$1,000 to the College Park Meals on Wheels program. Both amounts are lower than those in prior years.

The Washington Ear provides reading services for several visually impaired city residents; College Park Meals on Wheels began serving Greenbelt residents in 2007.

Also in the Miscellaneous section of the budget document is the account for the operation of the Greenbelt Museum, budgeted at \$92,800 for FY12, only \$600 more than that for the prior year. Most funds are for salaries and employee benefits and about \$7,000 for operating expenses (insurance, utilities and Greenbelt Homes charges).

Not itemized in the city budget document, the main operating budget for the Museum is funded by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), a local non-profit organization. For FY12 the FOGM operating budget for the Museum will be \$52,000.

### Museum Report

Museum Director Megan Searing Young and FOGM Board Secretary Chris Stark briefed council on accomplishments last year and projects planned for FY12. They also highlighted Museum activities, such as hosting a large tour group from Greenbelt's sister city of Glendale, Wisc., an ongoing lecture series, other tour groups including foreign visitors, the second annual Museum Holiday Open House following the city's annual tree lighting at Roosevelt Center.

Of special interest was completion of a new orientation film which premiered at the 2010 Utopia Film Festival. The film's production was supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. DVDs of the film will be available for sale this spring.

Searing Young advised council that during FY12 the Greenbelt

Museum will work with the 75th Anniversary Committee and the Recreation Department to complete planning and coordination of the celebration commemorating the city's founding. The Museum will also finalize work on a new Greenbelt history book to be published as part of the Images of America Series by Arcadia Publishing and released during the city's 75th anniversary.

The last two accounts in the budget's Miscellaneous Section are the "Non-Departmental" account and "Fund Transfers." The former includes expenditures and reserve funds occurring across any of the city's departments but managed in this account.

During the Budget Overview and General Government Budget worksession on March 30, the city manager had noted a significant change for the FY12 Non-Departmental budget with his decision to take expenses for the city's workers compensation or injured workers insurance out of individual departmental accounts, placing such expenses in the Non-Departmental Account. That action for FY12 reflects a near doubling of the Non-Departmental Account from \$834,200 in Fiscal Year 2011 to \$1,679,600 proposed for FY12.

The increase reflects the cumulative amount of Workers Compensation Insurance for FY12 of \$1,155,900. This amount is spread over three departments: \$703,900 for Public Safety; \$420,000 for Public Works; and \$32,000 for Recreation.

### Unemployment Compensation

Other proposed FY12 expenses include \$12,000 for Unemployment Compensation (for which the city opts to be liable for any unemployment payment rather than pay State Unemployment Taxes according to a rate schedule), a miscellaneous account for funds necessary for the contract for operation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The manager notes the existing contract will expire at the end of June 2011 and that council will be renegotiating a new contract with the operator.

The last three items in the Non-Departmental account are reserve accounts. One is a reserve for city building maintenance for which there was no appropriation for FY11 but \$10,000 is budgeted for FY12. Another is a reserve appropriation to account for the manager's proposed two (2) percent cost of living (COLA) pay increase for city employees, totaling \$244,000.

The last reserve account is the city's projected cost to cover unfunded liabilities for retired employees. The manager's proposed appropriation for FY12 is \$219,700.

The last account in the Miscellaneous category, "Fund Transfers," includes sub-accounts to allocate funds for selected purposes. Monies are generally budgeted annually for transfer to the Building Capital Reserve Fund for city building maintenance, the Capital Projects Fund to pay for capital projects, the Debt Service Fund to pay the city's debt re-

quirements and the Replacement Fund to plan for replacement of city equipment.

For FY12, the manager proposes to transfer (from the General Fund) \$100,000 to the Building Capital Reserve Fund; \$300,000 to the Capital Projects Fund; \$450,000 to the Debt Service Fund; and \$103,000 to the Replacement Fund. The proposed Debt Service Fund amount reflects the budget proposal for council to refinance the city's current debt and incur additional debt for capital projects, if authorized.

The budget document explains that the city's current outstanding debt of \$3.9 million is scheduled to be paid off in six years with annual payments of \$740,000. If the debt is extended to 15 years, annual payments would be approximately \$350,000.

The savings would allow an additional \$2 million in debt to be incurred at an annual cost of \$200,000. The new debt would address the nearly \$1 million outstanding additional (over-run) cost for the just completed Public Works facility and would provide nearly \$1 million for the long-proposed renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre as well as other projects such as dredging Greenbelt Lake or replacing the Aquatic Center roof.

The manager advised council he would like to allocate additional funds for the reserve accounts but has opted to forestall additional projects due to pressure on the budgets.

In spite of the high importance of the reserve accounts and especially the manager's proposal to refinance the city's debt, further discussion of the issues were held for later in the budget review cycle. The issue of debt refinancing will be considered on the same evening as the Public Works budget worksession scheduled for Monday, May 2.

That worksession will begin at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the new topic. As for Capital Projects, that topic is given little time during the budget review. Traditionally council schedules Capital Project worksessions during the summer months. At the request of council, McLaughlin indicated council will receive the most recent estimate for the proposed theater renovation at an upcoming meeting.

At the end of the worksession Mayor Judith Davis requested staff to provide additional information on the Animal Control budget (to be considered at the Planning & Community Development Budget worksession on April 20). She made the request following discussions of animal control issues within the Greenbriar community. She requested an analysis of council travel expenses.

Finally, some good news was provided by staff, confirming that the Greenbelt share of the State Highway User Revenues has been increased. Near the end of the Maryland General Assembly Session it was indicated that the city's share would be increased from \$20,000 to \$145,026.

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Brian Weeks. "He has had a major impact on so many students and touched so many students' lives."

Two other characteristics that were highlighted in almost every letter were Weeks' ability to have his students come across the answers to problems on their own and his humorous relationship with each student.

"I know my class always looked forward to math, because we knew we were going to have a great time," wrote former student Barbara Turnbull. "All of us had great relationships with him because everybody had a certain ongoing joke."

One particularly touching story came from former student Marcus Coker, who received a full scholarship to play Division One Football at the University of Iowa.

"Mr. Weeks was the only person in my life who actually believed in me other than my mom," wrote Coker. "Having a male figure in my life like him was huge in me becoming who I am today, because until him the only male figures I had in my life were drug addicts who would beat on my mother and would steal anything of value from both of us."

"Without his influence I honestly don't know where I would be, most likely the streets," Coker added.

While Coker's letter was one that stood out to Weeks, he noted that the promising young athlete's story was a fairly common one.

### Safe Haven

"Lots of kids come in with baggage, either from home or from the community," said Weeks. "The kids have told me that this is a safe haven for them. I've had about a 97% percent perfect attendance records. These kids do not want to miss school."

Acclaim for Weeks wasn't limited to just former students; co-workers had plenty of praise for the teacher as well.

"Mr. Weeks has consistently displayed qualities of initiative, conscientiousness and professionalism," wrote Instructional Specialist Diana L. Mitchell. "He has established a reputation as an extremely capable, efficient individual as he has 'stepped up to the bat' with any task assigned to him. Mr. Weeks has been recognized as an educational leader who is committed to academic success."

Reading the more than 30 nomination letters proved to be an emotional experience for Weeks.

"To hear my students and peers talk about me like this, it's overwhelming," said Weeks. "It's great to know I'm really making a difference."

Teaching at Greenbelt Elementary School for the past nine years, Weeks has spent the majority of his career working at several other Prince George's county schools, as well as a seven year stint at Harrison Elementary in Washington, D.C.

"The most rewarding part of being a teacher is actually seeing students come in at a certain level and, at the end of the year, being able to measure the growth that

they achieved," Weeks said.

### Gain in MSA Scores

And that growth is staggering. According to Weeks, the majority of his students see a double digit gain in their MSA scores by the end of the year.

In addition to his influence inside the classroom, Weeks has served on several school-sponsored teams, including the School Based Instructional Management Team and Positive Behavior Incentive System Team as well as committees for drug and health, principal selection and youth development.

Weeks has also worked directly with his children outside of the classroom, having served as student government advisor, a mentor teacher, mathematics and grade level chairs and peer media coordinator.

Weeks has also donated time during summer vacation to serve children in his community, assisting with the Prince George's County Department of Social Services' Summer Food Service Program as well as the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission's teen centers and youth playgrounds.

In fact, Weeks has his hand in so many activities, co-workers question where he finds the time.

"Mr. Weeks' dedication exceeds the demand placed on any teacher and I often wonder how he keeps up with it all," wrote Karen E. Lewis, special education teacher at Greenbelt Elementary.

"Brian mentors students across grade levels on a continuing basis during 'free time' he magically creates," wrote Barrie Beth Hansen, a Reading Recovery Teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Currently working on a doctorate in educational leadership from Bowie State University, Weeks holds a bachelor's degree in intermediate education mathematics from Winston-Salem State University and a master's degree in education administration from Coppin State University.

In her nomination letter, Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Kimberly Seidel noted that Weeks "is a lifelong learner and seeks to attend conferences which address areas that would benefit his instruction and impact his students."

Complementing his Agnes Meyer Award victory, Weeks was also a semi-finalist for the Prince George's County Public Schools 2010 Teacher of the Year Award.

According to the official 2011 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award brochure, the award was established to "recognize teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession."

In order to qualify, nominees must meet a list of criteria, which includes being full-time teachers with at least five years of teaching experience.

Each winner will be awarded \$3,000 at a ceremonial gala hosted by The Washington Post on May 10.

But for Weeks the money is just the icing on the cake.

"I haven't really thought about it," said Weeks. "The recognition and the notoriety that comes with winning the award means more to me than the money."

## Possible Changes to Bylaws Will Be Greenbelt Homes Meeting Focus

by Sue Krocchik

The agenda for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors meeting April 14 included several routine tasks and, more significantly, proposed bylaw changes and the hiring of a search firm to replace the general manager, who will retire in December. However, at the first item of business – approval of the agenda – the hiring of a search firm was deleted. No reason was given.

At the second item of business – members and visitors – member Ginny Jones said she had come to address the just deleted item. She was allowed to speak, however, and told the board she was opposed to hiring a search firm for the general manager position.

Jones said, "I want the board to consider the Town Hall meeting held January 23 as the job interview for Eldon Ralph" (current assistant general manager). "He was heard by over 350 members," she said, "and showed his knowledge as questions were deflected to him by others like hot potatoes . . . [questions] that he so deftly answered." No discussion followed these comments.

### Bylaw Changes

Proposed bylaw changes were approved, with the proposal to omit the use of proxies sent back to committee. Members will be given details about the proposed changes prior to the May 18 annual meeting. Voting on the changes will occur during the meeting.

A change recommended to Article III, Section 1 – Member-

ship, would define the meaning of "joint membership." It is currently described as "a husband and wife or other persons specifically authorized . . ." Discussion included "modernizing" the language and legal ramifications of deleting references to gender.

Also in Article III, Section 5 – Membership Requirement to Hold Office, the recommendation is to add the sentence, "Only one member from a unit may hold elected office at any one time."

Two changes are recommended in Article IV. In Section 8, Nominations and Elections, in Parts "a" and "b," the recommendation is to change the number of days nominations for elected offices and nominations by petitions must be filed prior to the annual meeting. In Part "c" the recommendation is to replace the word "plurality" with "majority" in the phrase "system of voting."

Robert's Rules Section 44 says, "A rule that a plurality shall elect is unlikely to be in the best interests." This means that if there are not more candidates than positions, someone could be elected by default against the wishes of the membership. An unqualified candidate who receives a small percentage of votes cast, e.g. 20 percent, could be elected. If such a result were to occur, use of the word "majority" in the bylaw would prevent the election of such a person and would allow the board to appoint a board member (in accordance with existing GHI regulations).

In Article V, Section 4 – Powers and Duties (of the board), the

recommendation is to give the board the authority to fine members who repeatedly violate GHI rules and regulations.

If such a proposal passes, members would determine which rules and regulations would be subject to fines and the amount of the fines. Examples might include repeatedly parking in another member's reserved parking space and not removing dog feces from GHI property.

### Other Business

The annual meeting will once again feature door prizes that total \$500. Such prizes include three \$100 credits toward a co-op fee,

four \$25 gift certificates to the Co-op Supermarket and five \$20 gift certificates to the New Deal Café.

The board also approved a donation of \$500 to the Cooperative Development Foundation, which provides seniors in rural areas with affordable options for housing. The foundation also assists in recovery efforts after natural disasters such as earthquakes, as occurred in Haiti and Japan.

The board approved member requests to permit an uncovered chimney flue for one unit and a nine-lite, two-panel entry door for another.

Approval was given for two contracts with B&P Utilities, both for emergency sewer repairs, on March 24 at 61 Court Ridge for \$9,925 and on March 25 at 6A-M Research Road for \$14,850 plus 15 percent for contingencies, not to exceed \$17,078.

The first reading of the 2011 contract for concrete sidewalk and step repairs was approved, with CPE, Inc. selected as the vendor. Amount of the contract is \$26,985 plus 10 percent for contingencies, not to exceed \$29,684. These repairs will occur in 40 locations throughout GHI this spring.



## ATTENTION, GHI MEMBERS! DON'T MISS THE CANDIDATE FORUM

Council Room - Municipal Building  
Tuesday, May 10                    7:30 p.m.

GHI's Nominations & Elections Committee will host a Candidate Forum Tuesday, May 10, for members running for the offices of Board of Directors (5 seats) and Audit Committee (3 seats). The Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

You can experience the forum in different ways. Come in person. View the live cablecast on Comcast Channel 71 or Verizon Channel 21. Watch the live video-stream from the city's web site. Or see it later at your convenience—replayed on the cable stations or on demand from the city's web site.

At the forum, you'll not only hear the candidates speak but also have a chance to question them about the issues that concern you most about GHI. It's a great way to decide for whom you want to cast your votes at the Annual Meeting and election on Wednesday, May 18, and Thursday, May 19.

*Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. Come early to avoid long check-in lines! Voting will begin after the meeting recesses and continue from 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 in the GHI Board Room.*



## COLLEGE PARK FARMERS' MARKET

5211 Paint Branch Parkway  
(Wells Linson Ice Rink)

**Saturdays: 7 a.m. until Noon**  
**April 30 through November 19**

Fresh Herbs, Flowers, Vegetable Plants, Cut Flowers,  
Fresh Strawberries, Green Onions, Honey, Homemade  
Baked Goods, Homemade Crafts and much, much more.

*Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend.  
New farmers attending this year.*

*For more information contact Phil Miller 301-399-5485*

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**Kids and their teachers chill out in the wilderness of the Greenbelt woods. From left, Nicolas, Zuri, Patrick (on the ground), Christopher, Giris, Amabel, Kadia, Zoe, Khesu, Joey (again on ground) and Joshua (standing).**

maniac laughing?" As students began speculating, Joey explained how birds can warn of approaching danger long before human eyes and ears can detect it. He told them how a friend, Doniga, had outmaneuvered former special ops marines in a tracking game – all because she understood what the birds were saying.

### Pine Cone Tea

Once one lesson finished, a new one soon began. Picking up a pine cone from the forest carpet, Joey asked his students what they could make from it. Several of them piped out "tea."

Joey wanted to know how. As they went into descriptions involving cones and water, he asked them if they were going to boil the water. They paused, seeming to sense that wouldn't be right. Joey confirmed their suspicions, explaining that boiling it would make turpentine – while the secret of pine cone tea lay in simmering.

That got their interest but Joey wanted more. He told them they could also roast the cones and use them to catch squirrels. A student asked Joey why he would want to capture a squirrel.

Once he explained that squirrels were edible, not one pair of eyes wandered and no one went searching about for a paper wad to chuck at a classmate's head. Joey had them and he knew it.

Story telling is Joey's forte. "He's funny. He tells nice stories," said Isabel. "He's a great story teller," Kaczor agreed. "He's got a really kid-friendly personality."

When his pupils' energy seemed to buzz high, Joey reached into his backpack of ideas, and deftly switched from a story to a learning game.

He led them into a field by the woods and handed out blindfolds. They covered their eyes and turned in circles to the right, left, then right again.

Once Joey felt they'd lost their sight bearings, he set them off trying to find each other using their non-visual senses. His pupils crept and slunk noiselessly until inevitably someone slipped up and crunched a leaf. Within seconds, with eyes still covered, a deaf hearer would tag the noise-maker out of the game.

When the last student standing took off his or her blindfold, Joey asked everyone what they had heard. Several noticed bird sounds. "Before the quiet game, did you hear the birds?" he asked. They hadn't. "Do they sound happy?" he continued. The consensus was no.

Joey told them that their game had partially calmed the birds down from their alarm at encountering the class's initial bustling noises. Now the birds were merely upset, not frightened, Joey explained. "That's a huge improvement," he said.

### Coyote Mentoring

In Joey's classroom, he and Joshua, maintained the peace despite the absence of walls, rules and barking of order. There was also a conspicuous lack of the chaos that might generally have accompanied a bunch of kids wandering outdoors free from commands.

Students walked across log bridges without trying to knock their classmates off balance. Nor did they push each other or whack competitors on the head during group games. When they raised their voices, it was to announce the discovery of a turtle or to ask their ever-ready teacher a question about something that crossed their path.

Although on rare occasion, Joey deferred questions, he did not refuse them, even when his students blurted queries out in the middle of one of his vintage stories. He appeared to thrive on the buzz of curious minds.

Joey said he cultivates attitude, awareness and attention to detail to better instruct his students. "Indigenous people call that coyote mentoring," he explained, adding that another element is giving students no boundaries to push against.

When it comes to quelling rebellion, however, one of Joey's mightiest weapons is trying to "make it one big adventure."

"He's getting really good at the coyote teaching," said Kaczor.

"They think they're having fun and goofing off but the whole time you're throwing in lessons." Joey credited some teachers who have taught him, namely Jon Young and Tom Brown, Jr., and through that chain, a Lipan Apache named Stalking Wolf,

whom Brown claims he was mentored by.

### Mysterious Apache

Not everyone shares Joey's faith in Brown's mysterious Apache. Some detractors claim there was no Stalking Wolf – that Brown made him up.

Joey dismisses the hubbub. He said he has talked to Native Americans who recounted to him their personal encounters with Stalking Wolf, whom they also called "The Mexican." That, along with how much he feels he has gained from Brown's tutelage, is enough for him. Brown's skills seem to be enough for numerous police departments and authorities as well who have called on him when they needed help in finding missing persons and criminals.

Although Joey respects his teachers' tracking abilities, it's what they've taught him about mentoring that tops his appreciation list. "I love passing on the old ways to the children," he said.

When 10-year-old Giris asked to be promoted from a blue jay to a robin, Joey did not immediately grant his request. Despite being the thief of the bird world, Joey told him, the blue jay also has a lot of good qualities.

When it sees an animal slinking, in a way predators are prone to, the blue jay gets concerned, thinking, "Somebody's sneaking," he said, and so it calls out "snee, snee, snee," a signal that can warn people as well of approaching danger.

Joey used this information to springboard into a tale recounting how bird calls and signals helped his friends to differentiate between intruders sneaking up on them and a hippie who was meandering harmlessly through the woods.

### Another Hike

After story time, the class set off on another forest hike that continued until Joey stopped suddenly and called out, "Camouflage!" They knew what that meant. Springing into action, kids went scampering behind trees, bushes and fallen logs.

By the time Joey counted to 30, they were nowhere in sight. He had taught Grasshoppers well. At distances as close as 50 feet, they had made themselves virtu-

ally invisible – that in woods that were not yet re-adorned from winter's leaf stripping.

Joey's personal wilderness tale began as a young boy in Greenbelt, where he often ventured out into the surrounding woods. But his passion began to blur out of focus when he hit his teen years and took up sports.

It was dormant, not dead, however resurfacing again in his twenties while he was working as a pilot at Freeway Airport in Bowie. Though the airport provided him with a room, he found himself sleeping outside under the wings of a plane in all but the most mosquito-infested weather.

Then his best friend died suddenly. Reeling, Joey reevaluated his life and what really mattered to him. Forsaking his piloting career, with its sometimes 12-hour work days, he signed up for Tom Brown, Jr.'s wilderness school – and the adventure resumed. Picking up learning with a passion, he inhaled his classes and numerous field guide books. Ever since the woods and the wild have been his world.

### Botswana Trip

The next stop on his journey will be Botswana, where he will study the ways of the Bushmen, whom he has been reading about

since his high school days. Joey is particularly interested in their multigenerational culture, which he said has remained intact despite other tribes breaking apart. Although that's top on his agenda, he will also pick up what he can from the masters of the hunt. "They're some of the best trackers in the world," Joey said. Kaczor agreed. He explained that Bushmen can find tracks in a few pieces of dust that have moved "on a ground that's as hard as concrete."

When he touches back down on U.S. soil, Joey will start teaching again on May 15 in with Ancestral Knowledge's "Way of the Naturalist Series." It's a four-week Sunday class for adults who want to learn forestry management, how to survive in the woods, mentoring techniques and naturalist skills such as bird language, edible and medicinal plants and animal behavior.

He will also assist with Ancestral Knowledge's summer camps, open to children from all school backgrounds.

From traversing the Kalahari to trekking through forests with his merry disciples, Joey has finally figured out what really matters to him: "If I'm not teaching or learning I feel like I'm wasting my time," he said.

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Standings as of April 18

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Cardinals	1-1	Giants	2-0
Indians	1-1	Athletics	2-0
Cubs	1-2	Tigers	1-1
Yankees	0-1	Orioles	0-2

### Major League Schedule April 25 through 30

Date	Time	Games
Monday, April 25	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cubs
Tuesday, April 26	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Orioles
Wednesday, April 27	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Giants
Thursday, April 28	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Yankees
Friday, April 29	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cardinals
*Friday, April 29	7 p.m.	Cubs vs. Giants
Saturday, April 30	10 a.m.	Yankees vs. Tigers
Saturday, April 30	1 p.m.	Rain Make Ups

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

\*Game played at Braden #2.

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Western Family Assorted Tampons 40 pack	<b>\$3.99</b>	Seabest Frozen Tilapia Fillets	<b>Customer Appreciation Discount Day</b> Wednesday, April 27 5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)	Annies Organic Fruit Snacks Assorted 5 pack
Francesco Rinaldi Pasta Sauces Assorted 16-24 oz.	<b>99¢</b>	Barilla Assorted Pasta Select Varieties 12-16 oz.	Grocery Bargains Chicken of the Sea Chunk White Tuna 5 oz.	Fresh Store Baked Cracked Wheat Bread loaf
Skippy Peanut Butter Assorted 15-16 oz.	<b>\$1.69</b>	Bush's Best Family Size Baked Beans Assorted 21-28 oz.	Ken's Family Size Salad Dressings Assorted 16 oz.	Shurfine Canned Fruit Assorted 15 oz.
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Drug Arrest

April 14, 11:55 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Disorderly Conduct

April 11, 3:13 a.m., Hillside Road at Laurel Hill Road, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

## False Statement

April 14, 9:30 a.m., a non-resident man was arrested and charged with giving a false and fictitious name to a police officer during a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

April 9, 2:14 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, an apartment window was reported broken.

## Burglary

April 11, 12:45 p.m., 6900

block Hanover Parkway, it was reported that electronics were taken.

April 12, 10:24 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, nothing was reported taken.

April 12, 8:49 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, electronics were reported taken.

April 13, 5:25 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, it was reported that electronics were taken.

April 13, 5:59 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, electronics were reported taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Vehicle windows were reported damaged in the 6500 block Lake Park Drive and a vehicle was reported scratched in the 7800 block Mandan Road.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway (wheels taken) and in the 7400 block Frankfort Place (front Md. tag taken).

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.*

# Fire Engulfs School Bus on Parkway



On Thursday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. a D.C. school bus with 28 eighth-grade students on a field trip caught fire on the Baltimore Washington Parkway near the Powder Mill Road exit. The bus was empty when firefighters from Greenbelt Engine 35 arrived. The fire originated in the engine due to a mechanical problem and was quickly extinguished using foam.



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## Senior Resource of the Month

### Hypertension . . . Silent Killer

As people age certain health conditions become more prevalent. One of the most common is hypertension, also known as high blood pressure. Since high blood pressure can be present without noticeable symptoms, many times it is left undiagnosed and untreated, which can cause major health concerns. Hypertension can lead to heart and kidney disease, cardiovascular disease, stroke and heart attack. It is important for everyone and especially the elderly to be screened for high blood pressure and understand ways to prevent and treat this condition.

Screening for hypertension is easily accomplished by having a simple blood pressure measurement by a qualified clinician. Hypertension is any reading higher than 140/90 mm Hg.

Blood pressure is measured by two numbers, the top number being the systolic pressure, which is the pressure inside blood vessels when the heart beats or contracts. A normal systolic reading is less than 120; any number above 140 is considered to be hypertension. The second number is the diastolic number, which is the pressure in blood vessels between beats, when the heart is at rest. A normal diastolic number is less than 80; any number greater than 90 is considered hypertension.

Some factors that contribute to an increase in hypertension after age 65 include:

- A tendency to oversalt food because of decreased taste bud sensitivity
- Changes in the walls of arteries and other blood vessels
- A decrease in the efficiency of the heart in pumping blood through the body
- Increase in abdominal fat

Hypertension can be prevented or treated if it is properly diagnosed. The most effective form of prevention is a healthy change in lifestyle – incorporating a healthier diet (i.e., reducing salt and adding vitamins, fiber and minerals) and participating in an exercise routine. Doctors recommend decreasing stressful living environments, stopping smoking and limiting alcohol consumption. When hypertension is diagnosed by a physician, medication may also be prescribed for effective blood pressure control. Blood pressure should be checked during doctor visits or at least once a year. More frequent checks may be advised for those at risk of or diagnosed with hypertension.

More information about high blood pressure is available by calling the American Heart Association at 1-800-242-8721 or visiting the AHA website at <http://www.americanheart.org>.

*The Senior Resource of the Month is provided by the Greenbelt Assistance In Living (GAIL) program and written by Stephanie Shoul, a GAIL intern.*

## Mortgage Refinance Program Extended

The Federal Housing Finance Agency has announced a year's extension of the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) through June 30, 2012. In addition, two program changes mean that people unable to take advantage of the program previously may be able to do so now.

To be eligible for HARP, a homeowner must have a mortgage owned or financed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, be current on loan payments, owe between 100 and 125 percent of the current market value of the house and have the ability to handle the new payments. The two program changes are that Freddie Mac will exempt HARP loans from its recently announced price adjustments and eligibility will now be extended to existing loans purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac through May 2009.

For more information on HARP and other federal mortgage assistance programs, visit [MakingHomeAffordable.gov](http://MakingHomeAffordable.gov) or call federally approved housing counselors at 1-888-995-4673 (HOPE).

## Montpelier Festival – Herbs, Tea and Arts

Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the annual Festival of Herbs, Tea and the Arts at Montpelier Mansion. Free events include lectures, tours of Montpelier, live music, visits with artists in their studios and a variety of art exhibits. Kids can play colonial games, do art projects, see a live animal exhibit and more. At 2 p.m. there will be a free May Day basketmaking session.

At 10:30 a.m. Prince George's master gardeners will offer a lecture on vegetable gardening; at 12:30 p.m. Lauren Mury will give a lecture on the history of silhouette making. At noon and at 1:30 the Ti Kim Kung Fu School will give a Chinese Lion Dance performance. There will be a free tea tasting at 1 and 3 p.m. with Kurk Kumagai of Capitol Teas. Music also includes performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. by the St. Nicholas Children's Prayer Choir singing in Swahili and Yoruba.

A variety of vendors on the Mansion grounds will have food and other items for sale.

The Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197).

For more information call 301-953-1376, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at [www.pgspark.com](http://www.pgspark.com).

## Greenspring HOA Meeting Notice

At the Special Meeting that was held on April 16, 2011 of the Greenspring II HOA, a quorum of homeowners was not obtained. Therefore, the meeting will be re-convened on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of Majerle Management, 7347-D Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Those members present at this re-convened meeting in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum and that a majority of those members present (in person or by proxy), may take any action which could have been taken at the original meeting if a quorum had been obtained.

As a reminder, the remainder of the meetings for 2011 are scheduled for September 10, 2011 and October 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

## Beltsville Garden Club to Meet

The next meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club will be on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker will be Kimberley M. Knox, community outreach manager for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and a member of the Club. Her topic will be "Water Conservation and Gardens." She is the editor of "Landscaping for Water Conservation: Xeriscape!" Knox is responsible for coordinating WSSC's demonstration garden, which highlights native plants for birds and butterflies. She will also speak about seven basic principles to incorporate into a landscape and ways to ensure saving water, money and time.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcome to the free lecture.

For information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

## Patuxent Holds Birding Program for the Blind

The Patuxent Research Refuge will offer a "Birding for the Blind" program on Saturday, April 30 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center. This program is designed specifically for visually impaired people (VIPs), ages 8 through adult and their families or friends. The goal of the program is to introduce VIPs to nature and birding through hands-on activities and exploration of outdoor habitats. Participants will learn how to identify birds by sound, an activity that can be done in any outdoor setting. Auditory resources will be demonstrated and their sources will be provided. There will also be opportunities for tactile exploration of bird mounts and/or live birds.

The program is free although pre-registration is required. Call 301-497-5776 to register or for more information.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road south of Laurel. Visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> for refuge information or directions.

## Violin Concert Held At National Gallery

On Thursday, April 28 at 12:10 p.m. the National Gallery of Art presents a free concert in the East Building auditorium. Violinists Christian Tetzlaff and Antje Weithaas will play music by Bartok, Beriot and Ysaye.

## Patuxent Refuge Earth Day Cleanup

On Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon there will be an Earth Day cleanup at Patuxent Research Refuge's North Tract off Route 198 east of Laurel.

This event is for ages 10+. Projects may include picking up trash, cutting invasive vines and other tasks to enhance the Refuge. Bring work gloves or they will be provided. Long sleeves and pants, closed-toed shoes and insect repellent are highly recommended.

For more information about the Refuge visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>. For questions related to the work day, call the North Tract Contact Station at 301-776-3090. No registration is necessary.

## Use Water Wisely

To minimize garden water use, mulch with cocoa shells, bark or other natural materials to reduce evaporation. This also helps keep weeds down. When one needs to sprinkle the crop, consider using grey water or installing a rain-collection system; simply placing a barrel under a downspout could suffice.

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**Friday, April 29, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.,**  
Greenbelt Recreation Department,  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
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**Wednesday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,**  
Prince George's Chapter House, 6206 Belcrest Road,  
Hyattsville

**Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,**  
Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School, 1010 Larch Avenue,  
Takoma Park

**Thursday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,**  
Washington Bible College, Miles Hall,  
6511 Princess Garden Parkway,  
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Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is time again to ask for your donations to help the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. in our **Annual General Fund Drive for 2011**. We truly appreciate your generous contributions during the previous fund drives, and hope for your continued support.

You should be receiving your donation package in the mail during the month of April. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us, or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at: 125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail your contribution to us. Please note the mailing address for the station:

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As in the past, I strongly emphasize that you do not accept any solicitations over the telephone or at your door from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. For this **Annual General Fund Drive** during the months of April/May, we only solicit for donations through the mail.

May I encourage you to come and enjoy an evening of bingo (sponsored by the GVFD & RS, Inc.) held at the Elks Lodge #1778, located at 6700 Kenilworth Ave. in Riverdale, MD, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings? Doors open at 6:00 PM and we offer complimentary food and drink. All of our bingos are **SMOKE-FREE**

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past, as well as your continued support during our **Annual General Fund Drive**.

Regards,

Kenneth L. Stair  
President  
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

# Council Considers Change To Landscaping Service

by Barbara Hopkins

If a resolution introduced April 11 at the Greenbelt City Council meeting is adopted after its second reading on April 26, Greenbelt will have a new landscaper. The Public Works staff submitted Requests for Proposal to 10 landscaping firms for landscaping and mowing city property when the contract with The Brickman Group expired last November. In March, the city held a mandatory site visit meeting, attended by three firms, including The Brickman Group.

Following the site visit meeting, all three firms submitted proposal ranging from \$34,260 to \$55,920. The lowest bid came from Inside Out Landscape Services of Silver Spring. Staff recommend council accept this bid because it is locally owned and operated. In addition, the firm received an "exceptional" recommendation from Bolling Air Force Base and four other recommendations staff considered well above average, as well as a savings of approximately \$15,000.

## Adopted Resolutions

Introduced for second reading and adoption was a resolution to purchase the services of Wilcoxon Construction of Rockville to resurface the white coat on the main outdoor pool and to install a transition line for a fee not to exceed \$38,000. The county health department had informed the city that these repairs need to be performed before the next annual county licensing inspection prior to pool opening on May 28.

The work will be funded using \$35,000 dedicated for this project from the Capital Projects Fund, as well as additional money for the overage from that fund. Program Open Space Funds will reimburse the city 75 percent of the project's total cost.

A second resolution adopted by council amends the city code to require any city employee at or above Salary Grade 22 in the city's position classification plan who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement to file an annual report of gifts received during the previous calendar year. The change would apply also to police officers with a rank of lieutenant or above. The report of gifts must be filed by April 30 each year.

Both resolutions were adopted unanimously. Councilmember Konrad Herling was not present.

## New Resolutions

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution to negotiate banking services from The Columbia Bank of Columbia, Md. Staff had reviewed seven responses to the city's Request for Proposals for financial services. They recommended using Columbia Bank, whose proposal was very competitive, there is a branch in Greenbelt East and staff considered it the most responsive candidate throughout the proposal process.

Mayor Judith Davis said representatives from the bank would attend the next meeting, along with City Treasurer Jeff Williams, to answer questions.

Staff also recommended negotiating a purchase of fleet management software called Dossier from Arsenault Associates of Burlington, N.J. for a price not to exceed \$17,000. Purchase of such software had been proposed in the Special Projects Fund in Fiscal Year 2011. Current software, 15 years old, has limited capabilities.

Staff had reviewed three other products ranging in price from \$5,000 to \$10,000 but had found them more oriented toward tracking work orders. Dossier software, on the other hand, was 100 percent focused on fleet management. According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the Dossier package will track fuel used, parts replaced and maintenance for each vehicle, providing an ongoing report on fleet issues.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned if this purchase is critical, noting the city's vehicles are not traveling the open road. McLaughlin said he considers it a useful tool in preparing the budget. With this information, he can recommend changes if a particular vehicle proves too costly.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked about the size of the fleet for which the software is designed. McLaughlin said he did not know but that it is used by both Hyattsville and Hagerstown and that both cities have reported satisfaction with the product. Greenbelt's fleet is intermediate in size relative to those two cities, he said.

The mayor asked McLaughlin to provide more information when the resolution is introduced for second reading and adoption at council's meeting on April 26.

## ACE AWARDS continued from page 1



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

**Starting with those standing on the step in the back, left to right:** ACE member Lauretta Baugh, PGCPS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marilyn Moreno, Councilmember Leta Mach, County Council Chair Ingrid Turner, City Councilmember Ed Putens, Mayor Judith Davis, GMS ACE Award winner Alemnesh Allen, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope.

**Standing on the floor, left to right:** ACE member Don Rich, Turning Point ACE Award winner Pamela Coffield, GES ACE Award winner Elizabeth Stewart-Hancock, Magnolia ACE Award winner Robert Crowley, ERHS ACE Award winner Francine Powell, ACE Chair Jon Gardner and ACE members Janet Mirsky and Veronica Martin-Frederick.

Elementary School thanked his wife and also his principal Phyllis Gillens "for being so patient with me. I try my best; it's all I can do." To which County Councilmember Ingrid Turner eloquently added, "Thank you for doing your best because we send you our best – our children!"

Pamela B. Coffield, a first grade teacher at Turning Point Academy thanked "the Greenbelt community, my colleagues, the first grade team, my mom and dad (who has gone to glory), my brother, who was my first student at age 3 and my husband, who fell in love with me when he was walking down the hall and saw me teaching."

Alemnesh Allen, the Special Education Chair at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), said simply, "I want to thank God, thank my parents. I truly do believe it takes a whole village to educate children so I thank my community at GMS." Amy Hansen of GMS's PTA then gave Allen a gorgeous floral bouquet.

Francine Powell, attendance secretary at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and sponsor of its varsity cheerleading squad said "I want to thank our principal Reginald McNeil, the staff, my family. I look at them [ERHS students] as a family. I have only one child but I have 2,000 stepkids, 23 daughters [cheerleaders]. Every morning I arrive at school at 6:30 to make cookies, often leave around 9:30 p.m. after a game and I love it."

Gardner's parting words echoed the sentiments of the packed house: "We see that Greenbelt educators are doing wonderful things."

ACE will present its Student Awards at the city council meeting on Monday, May 9.

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## April Programs Held At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are held at two sites, the National Wildlife Visitor Center and the North Tract. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For details visit the website at [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov).

The National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Route 197, is offering the following programs:

Fungus Among Us – Saturday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 10 and up. On mushrooms, puffballs and lichens – learn about common species on a hike through Patuxent's fantastic fungi forests.

Spring Bird Walk – Wednesday, April 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for ages 16+. Join a naturalist-guided search of spring birds on the refuge. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Nature Tots: Baby Animals – Friday, April 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 3 and 4. Celebrate the animal babies born this spring with interactive games, crafts and music.

### North Tract

The North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 32, is offering the following programs:

Weed Warriors – Friday, April 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 13+. Help stop non-native invasive plants threatening wildlife habitat. Bring gloves and water (and hand tools if available) to help fight these alien invaders.

Butterflies: Nature's Festival of Colors – Saturday, April 30 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for ages 10+. Discover the role that butterflies play in the ecosystem and learn to identify several common butterflies native to Maryland on this guided 2.5 mile walk. Field guide recommended. Bring water and dress for the outdoors.

## City Notes

Animal Control reports two kittens were born last week at the shelter.

Public Works street crews cleaned up illegally dumped items at Northway Field. Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 28.68 tons of refuse and 14.16 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Horticulture/parks/playgrounds crews removed hazardous limbs from the large white pine tree in front of the Municipal Building.

Recreation Department park rangers report no more beaver activity was seen – they are trying to get a picture to determine if the animal is a muskrat or if there are both beavers and muskrats living in the same area.

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## Café Poetry Slam Brings Out Crowd

by Jim Link

April is the cruellest month according to T. S. Eliot but 22 readers thought otherwise as they celebrated National Poetry Month at the New Deal Café with a dazzling smorgasbord of poetic effusions on Tuesday, April 19.

Urged by Mistress of the Revels Amethyst Dwyer to "open up your soul to possibility," the poets took their turn at the open microphone to riff on politics, love, depression and pop culture. Whether the offerings were kitschy or authentic, sentimentally self-indulgent or ferociously insightful, the packed back room cheered, laughed and hooted appreciatively. "Erotic or erratic, it was a marathon of magic," quipped one patron.

Topics treated reverently or lashed satirically included the face of Jesus, Matthew Arnold, Jack Kerouac, the letter "C," Donald Trump, Mae West, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Haight-Ashbury, My Summer Vacation and much else.

The next poetry fest at the Café is on Tuesday, May 17. Come feast at the poetic smorgasbord!

## Greenbelt Gardens in Bloom

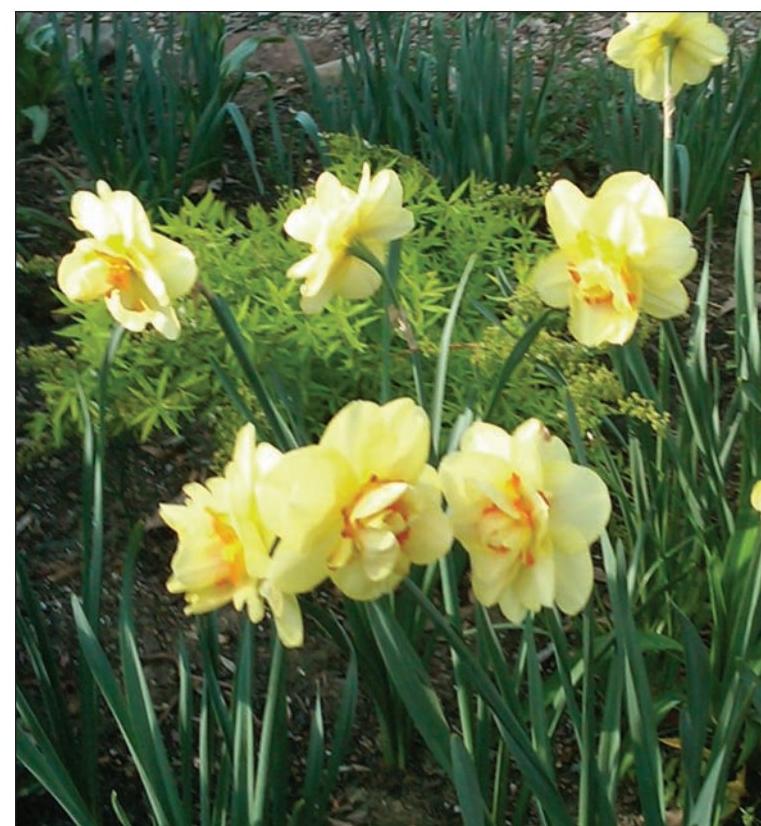


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Daffodils liven up the gardens around town.

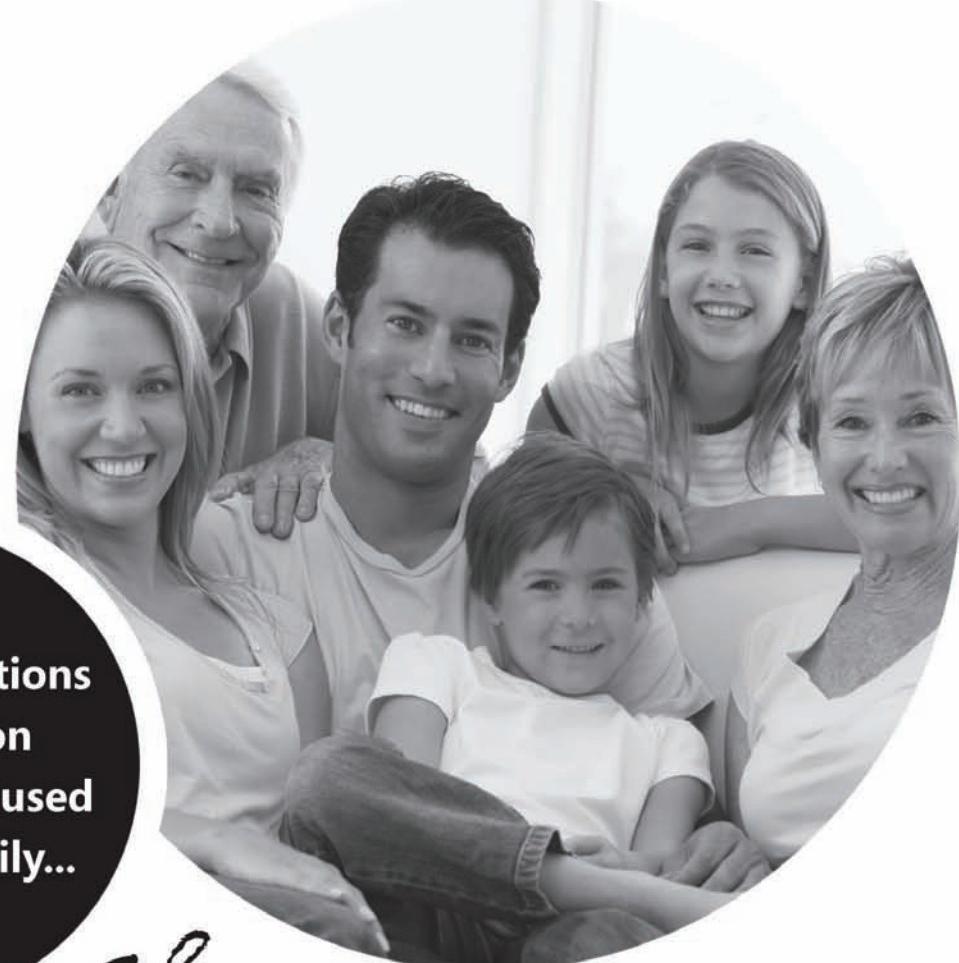
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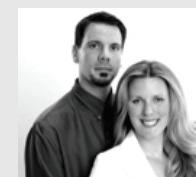
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Tuesday, April 26, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library

Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors – Board Room

Friday, April 29 – Offices Closed – maintenance emergency service available only (call 301-474-6011).

Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., GHI Candidates Forum – Council Room (2nd floor, City Municipal Building)

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**Board of Education To Meet April 28**

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Nana's Julia Smith and Annie Howe lead pickle puppet making for "How to Grow a Pickle."

## May Artful Afternoon Celebrates Springtime

Sunday, May 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. the city's monthly free Artful Afternoon will turn its focus to all forms of gardening and spring delights.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a variety of participatory activities including making bug sculptures and pendants with Artists-in-residence Tom Baker and Karen Arrington using reclaimed hardware and found objects and making puppets with the Nana Projects for use in their 3 p.m. performance. There will be children's farm-to-food activities with volunteers from the Greenbelt Farmers Market to cultivate kids' interest in healthy, fresh foods.

At 3 p.m. the latest Nana Projects show, "How to Grow a Pickle," will be on stage in the Community Center gym. With visual alchemy, Nana Project artists create magic lantern shows involving live animation with tricked-out overhead projectors, gels and shadow puppets. People are invited to bring their pickle puppet from the workshop to enter the magical garden.

### Drawing

Just before the show, there will be a drawing for tickets to a performance of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter at the Community Center Art Gallery until 2:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

The three current artists' exhibits remain on display through May 2 – Gina Mai Denn's "A Small Case of the Blues (and Greens and other colors too)" of her favorite ceramic pieces; children's book author and illustrator Marian Williams' watercolors and acrylics titled "Hometown Memories;" and photographer Gary Jimerfield's most recent creations, titled "Examples: Selections from the Vault." Jimerfield specializes in nature and Southwestern landscapes and has branched out into studio work with miniatures and abstracts.

On Thursday, April 21 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Gary Brown and the Bushmasters play blues rock from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, April 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. is Jazz and Blues Café Night with pianist John Guernsey. Kiva is back with acoustic world music for the spirit of Earth Day from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 the Café's back room is closed for a catered private wedding party. The

on May 1.

The new exhibition "Aerial: Drawings by Rebecca Clark" is on display in the Art Gallery. Clark creates meticulous drawings of bees, elegant and spare, as if captured involving mid-flight. Also on display is the Greenbelt Museum "Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt," with visitors encouraged to try to find the bug-a-boo.

### Spring Fling

A special Museum Spring Fling is being held across the street from the library and Community Center at the museum's historic house during Artful Afternoon with free tours for all and a children's May basket activity.

Studio open houses and sales are held with the Community Center's nine artists-in-residence from 1 to 4 p.m. All are invited to be inspired by the artists' work in many styles and media and to find perfect gifts for Mother's Day, spring weddings and graduations.

Artful Afternoon activities are open to the public, suitable for all ages and free of charge.

For more information about Artful Afternoon or City of Greenbelt art programs visit [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2057.

## Cub Pack 202 Holds Attack Park Cleanup

On Saturday, April 9 almost 40 volunteers from Greenbelt's Cub Scout Pack 202, aided by a variety of local residents, took part at Buddy Attack Park in the Alice Ferguson Foundation 22nd yearly Potomac Watershed Clean-up. The goal was to remove debris from the parks, fields, forest and even parking lots before it reaches the Potomac River.

On a cool, overcast day Cub Scouts sorted recyclables into blue bags and garbage into yellow bags. The Arrow of Light,

Webelos and Bear dens walked the more than one-mile path around the lake picking up bottles, cans, cigarette butts and other debris, some plucked from the edge of the lake. They were amazed to find more than 100 tennis balls in and alongside the lake.

The Tiger and Wolf dens also cleaned near the lake in addition to the playground, picnic and wooded areas behind the recycling center. The most abundant items found in the playground

and picnic areas included bottle caps, lollipop sticks, cigarette butts, plastic wrappers and balloon fragments.

In previous years Cub Scout Troop 202 has cleaned the storm water drainage area on Hanover Parkway as well as Braden pond, located behind Braden Field.

The event, which concluded at noon, was judged a success with the Cubs and residents collecting at least 11 large bags of garbage and three bags of recyclables.



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Cub Pack 202 and friends after the Buddy Attack Park clean up. Participants included Sufia Syed; Tasneem Ahmed; Farah Ahmed; Will Godfrey; Doug Way; Devon and Monte Kaelberer; Zayd, Ibrahim and Yusuf Khan; Elijah Tyler; Armani Craig; and Ben, Tyler and Alexandra Clarke.

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